

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sabine Neches Navigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 778, Nederland, TX 77627

Description of Request: I, and President Obama, have jointly secured \$13,399,000 in funding to help maintain the Sabine-Neches Waterway at its current authorized dimensions of a 40-foot channel depth for inland channels to Port Arthur and Beaumont and a 500-foot width in the Port Arthur Canal and a 400-foot width in the Neches River Channel to Beaumont.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chambers Liberty Counties Navigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 857, Liberty, TX 77575

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,996,000 in funding to help maintain the Trinity River Project which is a 47 mile shallow draft waterway beginning at the Anahuac Channel to the Port of Liberty. The Navigation District needs shallow draft barge access to support the current industrial residents at the Port of Liberty and to attract new business.

100TH ANNIVERSARY HOBART ELKS LODGE 1152

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and enthusiasm that I call attention to Hobart Elks Lodge 1152 in recognition of their 100th anniversary. Having served their Northwest Indiana surroundings with their charitable efforts, Lodge 1152 is to be commended. The always-prospering establishment

will be commemorating this magnificent milestone on July 25, 2009. Not only will this small community be celebrating the longstanding history of their lodge, but they will be celebrating the spirit of Elksdom everywhere.

Since its humble beginning in 1909, the Elks of Gary have been an ambitious bunch and have grown considerably since the time of their first establishment. Beginning with the meeting of thirty-four pioneers, the Gary Lodge 1152 was founded under its first Exalted Ruler, William P. Gleason. After hosting their gatherings in the Feuer building for more than a year, the Gary Elks felt it was time to expand and began construction of a building at 610 Washington Street, which would become home to the Lodge's meetings for the next seventeen years.

They remained there until 1928 when a new three story lodge was built at 8th Avenue and Broadway, which was necessary to comfortably accommodate their increasing civic activities. Among the perks of this new location was the WJKS radio station that very quickly became a tenant of the new establishment, based on an agreement that the broadcasting company would air an eleven o'clock toast nationally and nightly. Elks from as far as Alaska would begin gathering around local turrets to pay respect to their Absent Brothers, thankful to the Gary Lodge for its commitment to sustaining the National Elk community. Due to woes of the Great Depression, the Elks of Gary sold their building and relocated to 633 Washington Street until 1942, when they again moved to a more convenient location at 5th and Jefferson. Assisted by some of the Elks' skilled craftsmen and volunteers, the new building was refurbished to reflect the glory of the Gary Elks.

After 60 years in Gary, members of Lodge 1152 were relocated to the City of Hobart. It was there that they claimed their sanctuary on 61st Avenue. After about a year of construction, the first initiation was held on December 4, 1970. As an improved Hobart Lodge 1152, the Elks flourished so dramatically that they grew too large for the walls of their current structure, and henceforth built their latest addition, the Jubilee Room.

As the Elks of Hobart grew in number, so did their charitable contributions to the city. Such support was allocated to Boy Scout troops, Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot programs, and scholarship-worthy students throughout the region. This philanthropy was also expressed through contributions to organizations such as the Elks National Foundation, Cancer Fund, and Parade of Nickels. Additionally, the Hobart Elks have been actively involved with the veterans of Northwest Indiana, namely through their annual Flag Day Celebration.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Hobart Elks Lodge 1152 on its centennial celebration. Through the years, the establishment's members have graced us with their patriotism and benevolence, and I am truly honored to represent them in Washington, D.C.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL RYAN C. MCGHEE, U.S. ARMY, OF FREDERICKSBURG, VA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Corporal Ryan C. McGhee of Fredericksburg, Virginia for his service and selfless sacrifice to his country.

Ryan McGhee's interest in the military dated back to his days playing soldier as a child. By the time he was ready to graduate from high school, football had become his passion. Pat Tillman, a famous football player turned soldier was among those that Ryan held in high regard. Like Pat Tillman, Ryan was killed in service to his country, like Pat Tillman, Ryan was a fine football player with a bright future. The parallels between these two men are unmistakable. Two athletes, two patriots, two men who chose to forego a life of relative comfort for a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. Nothing captures the spirit of our nation's warriors better than the illustration of selfless service provided by Ryan C. McGhee.

Ryan was born in Pittsburg and lived in Springfield, Vermont before moving to Fredericksburg, Virginia just prior to his sophomore year of high school. He and his brother Zachary grew up as active youths, enjoying snowboarding, skateboarding, and trick bike riding. Ryan and Zachary loved playing soldier. These two brothers progressed from playing soldier as boys to wearing the uniform as men.

An exceptional athlete, Ryan was the captain of the football team at Massaponax High School in Fredericksburg. This captain of the football team met his future fiancé not long after arriving in Virginia. Ashleigh Mitchell and Ryan McGhee were engaged to be married in the spring of 2010. The picture perfect love story of the captain of the football team and the cheerleader had jumped from the pages of the story book into reality.

Ryan's dedication to the service of his nation had called him to service in the United States Army. His competitive nature led him to the 3rd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment at Ft. Benning, Georgia where he served as a rifleman and grenadier before serving as a weapons squad team leader with Company D. Prior to his deployment to Iraq, he had already distinguished himself as a seasoned combat veteran, serving three tours in Afghanistan.

Ryan C. McGhee was called home on May 13, 2009 after being wounded when his unit came in contact with enemy forces while conducting combat operations in Central Iraq. He brightened the lives of his fiancée: Ashleigh Mitchell of Fredericksburg, Virginia; Father: Steven M. McGhee, and stepmother Kristie J. McGhee of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Mother: Sherrie Battle-McGhee, of Knoxville, Tennessee; Brothers: Sgt. Zachary McGhee,

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Noah, and Gabriel; Sisters: Jasmine and Elsie McGhee; Paternal Grandparents: Mike and Roberta McGhee of Newport News, Virginia; Maternal Grandparents: Dr. and Mrs. William C. Battle of Knoxville, Tennessee; and countless others.

Ryan was truly an exceptional man, athlete, and soldier. His short but impactful life will forever highlight the virtue of those service men and women with whom Ryan now shares a common bond. He leaves behind a family proud of all that he had accomplished throughout his life and service in the military. His valor and service cost him his life, but his sacrifice will live on forever among the many dedicated heroes this nation has sent abroad to defend freedom. We can only thank his loved ones for sharing the company of this remarkable young man.

My condolences and prayers go out to Ryan's family, and I offer them my deepest sympathies and most heartfelt thanks for the service, sacrifice, and example of their soldier, Corporal Ryan C. McGhee. He was respected and admired by those around him, and continually performed above and beyond all expectations while serving his country. Because of his efforts, the liberty of this country is made more secure.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3170) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Chair, after careful consideration of H.R. 3170, it is with great regret that I announce my opposition to this bill as a result of its careless disregard for human life.

Historically, there has been a restriction on government-funded abortion in Washington, DC. Language known as the Dornan Amendment, which prohibited both federally and locally appropriated funds from being used to pay for abortions, has always been adopted in prior-year versions of H.R. 3170. However, in a break from this longstanding tradition, the majority chose instead to include language that does not prohibit local taxpayer funding for abortion services. In effect, Congress is breaking with history and allowing taxpayer funded abortions where they were previously prohibited.

I was extremely disappointed that H.R. 3170 included this language, especially since it also contains provisions that I strongly support. For example, I applaud bipartisan efforts to include language protecting the state franchise rights of GM and Chrysler auto dealers. Over 3,000 of these small business owners will ultimately be left behind as a result of the restructuring plans supported by the Obama Administration and recently approved in hasty federal bankruptcy court proceedings. Given that the rights of these auto dealers were not fairly rep-

resented in GM and Chrysler's bankruptcy proceedings, I support providing some kind of legislative remedy to these stakeholders.

Unfortunately, the Majority blocked consideration of an amendment that would have eliminated the language allowing taxpayer funding of abortion services in H.R. 3170 and allowing Members to vote for the bill on its merits. This cynical political move forced those of us opposed to taxpayer-funded abortions to vote against this bill, also implying opposition to helping our auto dealers. Let me be clear that my vote against this bill in no way implies my opposition to protecting the rights of the auto dealers left behind in GM and Chrysler's bankruptcy proceedings.

In short, I really hoped to take this opportunity to support our nation's auto dealers. Because H.R. 3170 effectively legalized taxpayer-funded abortion services, I could not support it.

HONORING THE ROLE OF AMERICAN WORKERS IN PUTTING MAN ON THE MOON

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the key role American workers played in putting man on the moon and to honor their respective contributions to mankind.

On September 12, 1962 President John F. Kennedy challenged America to "go to the moon in this decade . . . not because it is easy but because it is hard." Long Islanders heard this call, rolled up their sleeves and made that dream a reality. I am proud of the Long Islanders who produced the Grumman-built Lunar Module nicknamed "the Eagle" which achieved its rightful fame when astronaut Neil Armstrong announced to the world that, "the Eagle has landed."

America landed on the moon on July 20, 1969 and the men and women of Long Island got us there.

July 2009 is the 40th anniversary of mankind landing on the moon, an eternal tribute to America's engineering genius that sits some 235,000 miles away on the lunar surface. The Grumman-built Lunar Module is a permanent symbol of the collective efforts of the hard-working American men and women who met President Kennedy's call to achieve the impossible.

During the height of the Cold War, a significant portion of the Nation's scientific and technological genius was turned not to weapons but to space exploration.

Forty years later, we honor the ingenuity and tenacity of all Americans that answered President Kennedy's call to reach to the heavens and thank them for their historic contributions to mankind.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN G. FULLER

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a great Alaskan, Mr. John (Jack) G. Fuller, an outstanding soldier, legislator and Alaskan. Mr. Fuller served our country in the Marine Corps, the Michigan National Guard, the Alaskan National Guard and as a Representative to the Alaskan Legislature. His abilities and dedication have been recognized by all who have served with him, and earned him the opinion of others as irreplaceable.

Jack Fuller began his military career with the 21st Regiment of the Third Marine Division in the Pacific Theatre of World War II, in Guam and at Iwo Jima. It was at Iwo Jima that he was awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity. Whilst serving as a Sergeant on February 23, 1945, Mr. Fuller took command of his unit when all its officers were dead or wounded and enabled his platoon to continue the attack. Following this he was promoted to Second Lieutenant.

Following World War II, Mr. Fuller returned to Michigan and joined the Michigan National Guard. During this period he excelled and successfully graduated from the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced courses and the Command and General Staff College. He was eventually granted a permanent commission.

In 1964, Jack Fuller moved to Alaska, with the intention of teaching at the Bureau of Indian Affairs schools on St. Lawrence Island. He also enlisted in the First Scout Battalion, an Eskimo division of the Alaskan National Guard, based in Nome. Jack worked his way up, reaching the rank of Battalion Commander. While under his command, the unit was evaluated as excellent during JACK FROST 1977. Mr. Fuller was further awarded the Legion of Merit, the third highest award of the Army for the outstanding skill, initiative and professionalism he displayed as a Commander. He was the first officer of the Alaskan National Guard to achieve this honor and his dedication to the battalion earned him the admiration of those he served with.

Upon retirement from the Alaskan National Guard in 1978, Mr. Fuller turned to a new challenge and was elected to the Alaskan Legislature as a Representative for District 22, where he served for eight years. In 1986, Mr. Fuller was one of the first to be recruited for the Alaska Defense Force upon its creation, where he used his many skills to aid the State in times of emergency. He also contributed to the State through his work as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Norton. Sound Health Corporation. In recent times Mr. Fuller has also served as President of the Wasilla Senior Center. Regardless of the task at hand, Jack Fuller has committed himself fully to serving others.

On behalf of The United States of America, I extend my thanks and appreciation to Jack Fuller, for his dedication and service to the Great State of Alaska and the entire country. His achievements in both military and civilian life are remarkable and deserve our recognition here, today.